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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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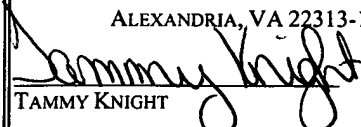
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§ Examiner: GEORGE A. SUCHFIELD

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action, mailed December 6, 2005 and in response to the Advisory Action mailed February 16, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the following remarks and amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon. Because this response has been filed within three months of when the Final Office Action was issued, Applicants respectfully submit that this RCE is timely filed.

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This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

- **An Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 3 of this paper;
- **An Amendment to the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 7 of this paper; and
- **Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.